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SUBJECT: BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

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GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE MET MAY 25 AND DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. TIMETABLE FOR 1979 BUDGET SUBMISSION -- DG LONG DESCRIBED PROBLEM SECRETARIAT HAS IN PLANNING FOR POST MTN PERIOD WHEN SHAPE OF AGREEMENTS COMING OUT OF MTN IS NOT CLEAR. HE IS HOPEFUL THAT JULY 15 DEADLINE FOR MAJOR MTN DECISIONS WILL ALLOW SECRETARIAT TO MAKE MORE MEANINGFUL ESTIMATES FOR THE 1979 BUDGET. HE HAS THEREFORE POSTPONED THE ISSUE OF THE DRAFT BUDGET UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE WOULD THEN MEET IN MID-OCTOBER.

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2. UNITED NATIONS JOINT STAFF PENSION FUND MATTERS -- DG LONG CALLED COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION TO PLIGHT OF RETIREES IN GENEVA, A SITUATION HE TERMED SCANDALOUS. SEE SEPTEL FOR DETAILS.

3. PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION UPON PROMOTION FROM THE

GENERAL SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY -- SECRETARIAT ASKED COMMITTEE AGREEMENT TO ADOPT GUIDELINES FOLLOWED BY WHO, ITU, ILO AND WMO. UNDER CURRENT RULES, WHICH ARE ALSO FOLLOWED BY UN, PROMOTION FROM ONE CATEGORY TO ANOTHER COULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT GATT STAFF MEMBERS BEING PROMOTED FROM GENERAL TO PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY WOULD BE FREE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE PREVIOUS (HIGHER) LEVEL AND THE POST-PROMOTION (LOWER) LEVEL OF PENSIONABLE REMUNERATION (SEE SPEC(78)12).

4. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER 1976/77 BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS -- ITC DESCRIBED HOW UN HAD INCREASED ITS BUDGET AT DECEMBER MEETING WITHOUT ANY PRIOR WARNING AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT ITC DID NOT NEED ANY FUNDS. SINCE GATT CONTRACTUALLY PAYS HALF OF ITC'S BUDGET, GATT CONTRIBUTION IS INCREASED BY \$78,600 (155,000 SF) TO COVER ITS SHARE. SECRETARIAT NOTED THAT THIS DID NOT INCREASE TOTAL GATT BUDGET SINCE SAVINGS WAS MADE IN ITC ITEM IN GATT BUDGET IN 1977. SECRETARIAT ASKED AUTHORITY TO OBLIGATE 155,000 SF IN GATT 1977 BUDGET TO COVER ITS INCREASED CONTRIBUTION TO ITC AND THE COMMITTEE AGREED (SEE SPEC(78)11).

5. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER ACCOMMODATION -- ITC NOTED THAT ITS LEASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH FIPOI HAD BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPLETED. UNDER TERMS OF LEASE, ITC WOULD PAY NO INTEREST ON SECOND MORTGAGE FOR FIRST FIVE YEARS, BUT THAT RATE WOULD INCREASE FROM 1-1/2 TO 4-1/2 OVER NEXT FIVE. RENT WOULD THUS SHOW ONLY MODEST INCREASE IN NEXT 10 YEARS. ONLY OTHER FACTORS THAT MIGHT INCREASE RENT WOULD BE INCREASE IN GENERAL INTEREST RATES IN SWITZERLAND (SINCE FIRST MORTGAGE TIED TO THESE) OR TAXES, WHICH IS BELIEVED UNLIKELY. ITC CONFIRMED THAT INITIAL BASE ESTIMATE OF 129 FR/SQ. METER WILL NOT BE EXCEEDED BUT COULD GIVE NO DEFINITE TOTAL FOR THE RENT SINCE IT DEPENDS UPON THE AMOUNT OF FLOOR SPACE ACTUALLY LEASED. SINCE ITC WILL NOT MOVE INTO NEW QUARTERS UNTIL 1980, EXACT NEEDS ARE NOT YET CLEAR.

6. GATT COMMERCIAL COURSES -- DG LONG EXPLAINED DIFFICULTY THAT GATT SEES IN CHANGES THAT UNDP PROPOSES IN FUNDING OF GATT-DIRECTED COURSES FOR LDC COMMERCIAL POLICY SPECIALISTS. UNDP HAS DECIDED TO REMOVE FUNDING OF GATT COURSES FROM INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS. HEREAFTER, EACH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY WILL DECIDE HOW IT WISHES TO DIVIDE ITS ASSISTANCE FUNDS. LONG BELIEVES THIS WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GATT TO KEEP A TIGHT REIN

ON THESE COURSES SINCE IT WOULD BE HARDER FOR GATT TO
SCREEN CANDIDATES AND COULD LEAD TO COURSES OF INEFFICIENT
SIZE. LONG HOPES TO MAKE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS WITH
THE UNDP. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, HE SEES TWO
OPTIONS: (A) DISCONTINUE THE COURSES OR (B) FUND THEM
IN THE GATT BUDGET.

IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, LONG SAID THAT THE TOTAL
ANNUAL COST OF THESE COURSES IS 600,000 SF AND THAT THE
OPTIMUM SIZE OF CLASS IS 20. THE GATT NOW GIVES TWO
SUCH CLASSES PER YEAR. ALTHOUGH LONG DOES NOT RULE OUT
AN EXPANSION IN THESE COURSES, HE BELIEVES THAT THE
CURRENT SIZE IS THE MOST EFFICIENT. THE DUTCH INDICATED
A WILLINGNESS TO FUND THE COURSE IF NECESSARY FROM THE
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GATT BUDGET WHILE THE FRENCH AND GERMAN DELEGATES SAID

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THEY WERE READY TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF DOING SO.
THE UK DELEGATE SAID WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL DG LONG HAS

EXHAUSTED OTHER POSSIBILITIES BEFORE DISCUSSING THIS QUESTION, ALTHOUGH HE TOO WAS SYMPATHETIC. (IN GENEVA 7955 WE RECOMMEND FUNDING THESE COURSES FROM GATT AS PART OF OUR OVERALL LDC STRATEGY SHOULD DG LONG FAIL TO WORK OUT AN ACCOMMODATION WITH THE UN.)

7. BUILDING FUND -- SECRETARIAT INDICATED THAT ALL BUILDING IS NOW COMPLETED. ALL FUNDS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SPENT PENDING FINAL TESTS ON INSTALLATIONS SUCH AS THE AIR CONDITIONING. SECRETARIAT SAYS THAT EXPENDITURES WILL NOT EXCEED AUTHORIZED FUNDS OF 6.2 MILLION SF.

8. GENERAL SERVICE CATEGORY STAFF SALARIES -- DG LONG DREW THE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION TO THE RECENT FINDING OF THE ILO ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL CONCERNING THE 17 PERCENT REDUCTION IN GENERAL SERVICE SALARIES. HE SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITTEE WOULD BE KEPT ADVISED OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FINDINGS OF THE ILO TRIBUNAL. VANDEN HEUVEL

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